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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as shown in the marked-up copy below:

1. (Twice amended) A light-weight golf club shaft comprising,
sequentially:

a first angled layer;

a first straight layer formed on said first angled layer;

a second angled layer formed on said first straight layer;

a second straight layer formed on said second angled layer;

said first angled layer, said first straight layer, said second angled layer,
said second straight layer being arranged substantially concentrically about a
central portion of said golf club shaft;

said shaft having a length along a longitudinal direction;

each of said layers extend over said length of said shaft and [includes]
include fiber-reinforced composite material, said fiber-reinforced composite
material containing reinforcing fibers;

said reinforcing fibers of said second angled layer being oriented at an
angle relative to said longitudinal direction of said shaft; and

said second angled layer having at least one of said angle and a thickness
effective to provide said shaft with a torsional strength of at least 120
kgf×m×degrees and a weight of from 30 to 40 g.

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As now required under 37 CFR 1.121, a clean copy of claim 1, including the amendments thereto is shown below:

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1. A light-weight golf club shaft comprising, sequentially:
a first angled layer;
a first straight layer formed on said first angled layer;
a second angled layer formed on said first straight layer;
a second straight layer formed on said second angled layer;
said first angled layer, said first straight layer, said second angled layer, said second straight layer being arranged substantially concentrically about a central portion of said golf club shaft;
said shaft having a length along a longitudinal direction;
each of said layers extend over said length of said shaft and include fiber-reinforced composite material, said fiber-reinforced composite material containing reinforcing fibers;
said reinforcing fibers of said second angled layer being oriented at an angle relative to said longitudinal direction of said shaft; and
said second angled layer having at least one of said angle and a thickness effective to provide said shaft with a torsional strength of at least 120 kgf×m×degrees and a weight of from 30 to 40 g.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 pending.

Claims 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected.

Claim 1 is amended.